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TO: DIRECTOR.

1. PDC POLITICAL COMMISSION

HAD DEVOTED MOST OF ITS MEETING TIME ON 12 AND 13 FEB TO DISCUSSING HOW PARTY SHOULD RESPOND TO NEWS BROADCAST BY ALVARO "ALEXIS" PUGA OVER RADIO AGRICULTURA THAT PDC PRESIDENT FUENTEALBA AND DEPUTY SANHUEZA HAD MET SECRETLY IN PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE TOMAS MORO TO DISCUSS POST-ELECTION GOVT AND PROGRAMS.

PDC POLITICAL COMMISSION DETERMINED THERE ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO STORY, AND CONSIDERED IT A FOUL ELECTION TACTIC TO WIN OVER VOTES FROM PDC TO PN.

STORY WAS CAUSING NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM THE "BASES.") WORSE YET, IN PDC VIEW, WAS FACT THAT PN DEPUTY CANDIDATE SILVIA PINTO AND PATRICIA GUZMAN REITERATED THE STORY IN THEIR BROADCAST ON FOLLOWING DAY. AFTER DEBATING PROPER PDC REACTION TO STORY, POLITICAL COMMISSION DECIDED THAT BEST SOLUTION WAS TO HAVE ALL CODE PARTY PRESIDENTS PUBLISH JOINT DECLARATION DENYING THE RUMORED MEETING. AT PDC URGING,

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MEETING OF CODE REPS WAS HELD IN THE SENATE ON 13 FEB TO DRAFT BRIEF DECLARATION (WHICH APPEARS IN 14 FEB PRESS). BELIEVED THE PDC ACTED WITH RESTRAINT, AND THAT THE JOINT CODE DECLARATION WAS BEST WAY TO HANDLE SITUATION; HOWEVER, THERE REMAINS CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS ON PART OF PDC LEADERSHIP OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDER FOUL CAMPAIGN TACTIC "FROM THE RIGHT".

2. OTHER BASIC DECISION COMING FROM POLITICAL COMMISSION, WHICH REPRESENTS A REVERSAL OF THEIR EARLIER INCLINATIONS, IS DECISION TO HAVE FINAL MASS ELECTION RALLY IN SANTIAGO. DECISION BASED ON PRESURES EMANATING FROM THE "BASES" TO HAVE SUCH A RALLY, AND FACT THAT OTHER MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES WILL LIKELY SPONSOR SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS AS AN ELECTION WINDUP. LIKELY DATE FOR PDC RALLY WILL BE 1 OR 2 MARCH. THEY ARE CONSIDERING FOUR MAJOR SITES IN THE DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO AREA.

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██████████ WILL
PDC PLANNERS BELIEVE THE ██████████ WILL BE USEFUL, HOWEVER
PLAN TO PROCEED WITH THEIR OWN PARTY PLANS FOR OBTAINING
VEHICLES TO MOVE VOTERS AND ACTIVISTS ON ELECTION DAY.

4. ██████████ THE ELECTORAL REGISTRY HAS BEGUN
TO DISTRIBUTE THE LISTS OF VOTERS REGISTERED IN EACH COMUNA.
UNLIKE PREVIOUS ELECTION WHEN VOTER LISTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTIES
BY TABLE, PRE-ELECTION LISTS THIS TIME ARE BY COMUNA
AND ALL VOTERS IN COMUNA ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY AS THEY
APPEAR ON IBM RUN. THIS MEANS THAT PARTY PERSONNEL WILL HAVE
TO BREAK OUT EACH TABLE LISTING FROM THE LARGER COMUNA RUN
OF NAMES.

5. THE PARTY'S TECHNICAL COMMISSION, AIDED BY A FEW POLITICAL
EXPERTS, CONTINUES TO WORK ON THE "SIX POST-ELECTION ALTERNATIVE
PROGRAMS"; THE PDC POLITICAL COMMISSION HAS REQUESTED THAT THEY
HAVE DRAFTS COMPLETED BY WEEK 19-23 FEBRUARY FOR PRELIMINARY
STUDY. ██████████ ONCE PDC ARRIVES AT SOME INTERNAL
CONSUS AS HOW OPPOSITION SHOULD PROCEED GIVEN VARIOUS ELECTORAL
RESULTS, THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE PASSED ALONG TO OTHER CODE
PARTY MEMBERS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT OVERALL OPPOSITION POSITION.

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MAINTAIN OPEN COMMUNICATIONS IN EARLY DAYS FOLLOWING MARCH
ELECTION TO KEEP ONE GROUP OR ANOTHER FROM ADOPTING POSITIONS
INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE OTHER CONFEDERATION MEMBERS.

6. [REDACTED]
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